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Washington 10 June 1832

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th Inst has been rec^d. and as you suspected "Thomas Grafton Addison" is evidently an impostor. I called on Major Barry immediately and shew him your letter, and he has authorized me to say to you that he has no letter of his of the the character of which you speak, unless it be a forgery. Major Barry then shew me a letter he had rec^d. the day before from a Mr. Triphitt of Frankfort making enquiry about the same young man. It seems he passed himself off in Kentucky also as an Agent of the Post Office Dept. and had managed to swindle this Mr. Triphitt out of about sixty dollars.

Mr. Addison's mother, a pious good woman, I am told, lives in this City. He endeavoured to get a clerkship in the Post Office Dept. but Major Barry not having any confidence in him

refused to employ him - This, my dear Sir, is all the information I can give you about Mr Addison, and enough to satisfy you that he is a worthy fellow. I have no personal knowledge of the young man, never having seen him to my knowledge.

Confidential

You ask me to inform you whether I think the Bank Bill, will pass this session. I think it some what doubtful, but it was passed yesterday in the Senate to its third and last reading by a vote of 25 to 20 - three Senators in favor of the Bank being absent. It will meet with more difficulty in the House, and I think it quite uncertain whether its friends will attempt to pass it thro' for fear it might run foul of a Snaf in another quarter. This however is mere conjecture. but it is my opinion it will not become a law this year.

The President is in good health

and Spirits as your townsman, Mr Lytle who left us a day or two ago, can testify.

I am as usual,

Your sincere friend
W Morris

W. B. Lewis
June 1832

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